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AFFIDAVIT OF FAILURE TO RETURN BIRTH.

STATE OF INDIANA, } ss:
 _____ COUNTY,

_____, being duly sworn, on his oath says that on the _____ day of _____, at the county of _____, and State of Indiana, one _____, a physician and accoucheur, of the State of Indiana, being in attendance as physician and accoucheur upon one _____ who then and there gave birth to a child, which birth occurred under the supervision of such _____, in said county and State, on the day named, and then and there, and at all times since, did unlawfully fail and neglect to report to the secretary of the board of health of the _____ in which such birth occurred, such birth, or any of the correlative facts required in the blank forms furnished by the State board of health, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____.

Justice of the Peace.

AFFIDAVIT OF FAILURE TO REPORT CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.

STATE OF INDIANA, } ss:
 _____ COUNTY,

_____, being duly sworn, on his oath says that on the _____ day of _____, at the county of _____, and State of Indiana, one _____, being then and there a physician of such county, in attendance upon one _____ who was then and there afflicted with _____ which has been specified by the board of health as a contagious disease, such patient being under the supervision of such _____, did then and there, and at all times since, unlawfully fail and neglect to report to the secretary of the board of health of the _____ in which such sick person was under the supervision of said _____, and such correlative facts as are required by the blank forms furnished by the State board of health, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____.

Justice of the Peace.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, *November 20, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the weekly quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended November 18. Also mortality report for the two weeks ended on the same date.

The general health of Ponce shows little change. There has been a great deal of sickness and suffering among the poor since the hurricane, the sickness being principally gastro-intestinal disorders. The 1 case of smallpox reported occurred in the district, a great distance from the city and port.

The steamer *Maria Herrera*, from Cuban ports, came in this week not disinfected, as usual, at Santiago, and carrying nonimmune passengers. She was held two days in quarantine to complete the five-day period from Santiago, and the baggage of passengers for this port was inspected and disinfected where necessary. Most of the baggage had been disinfected at ports of embarkation.

Respectfully,

C. H. LAVINDER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

Number of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction during the two weeks ended November 18, 1899.

Infectious diseases:	
Tuberculosis.....	12
Malarial fever	5
Typhoid fever.....	1
Dysentery	7
Smallpox (a).....	1
Tetanus	3
Measles.....	1
Septicæmia puerperal.....	1
	31
Diseases of the digestive apparatus.....	56
Diseases of the respiratory system.....	7
Diseases of the circulatory system.....	4
Diseases of the nervous system.....	1
Other diseases (anæmia, inanition, etc.).....	37
	136
Total.....	136
Births in the same period.....	55

A disinfecting room to be constructed at Ponce.

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, *November 21, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that on November 11, 1899, I made a request that the governor-general cause an air-tight room to be constructed at the Playa Ponce for the disinfection of infected baggage arriving at that port.

The application was approved and referred to the board of public works, with instructions to locate it upon public land. The architect will confer with Assistant Surgeon Lavinder as to the details and requirements.

I have suggested that a building 20 by 45 feet. with 10 feet inside from ceiling to floor, be erected, one end ceiled off, about 15 by 20 feet, lined with tin or sheets of zinc, for formaldehyd disinfection. The reserve space to be used as a baggage room, and of sufficient size to house a steam disinfecting chamber, when one is furnished the station.

Respectfully,

A. H. GLENNAN,

Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Smallpox on Spanish steamer Buenos Aires at San Juan.

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, *November 14, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the arrival, at sundown November 11, 1899, of the Spanish steamer *Buenos Aires* from Cadiz, Barcelona, and the Canaries, bound for Havana, with a case of smallpox.

The case developed a few days after leaving Cadiz in the person of a passenger bound for Havana, and was isolated. The vessel was placed in quarantine under guard. The following day the patient died about the time preparations were completed for his removal to Cabras Island.

The body was ordered wrapped in a sheet saturated in bichloride solution, and as the vessel proceeded immediately from this port, the burial was directed to be made at sea.

All local baggage was disinfected and exposed nonimmunes were vaccinated and detained at the station under observation.

a In the country.